

Meadowbrook Park Playground Replacement

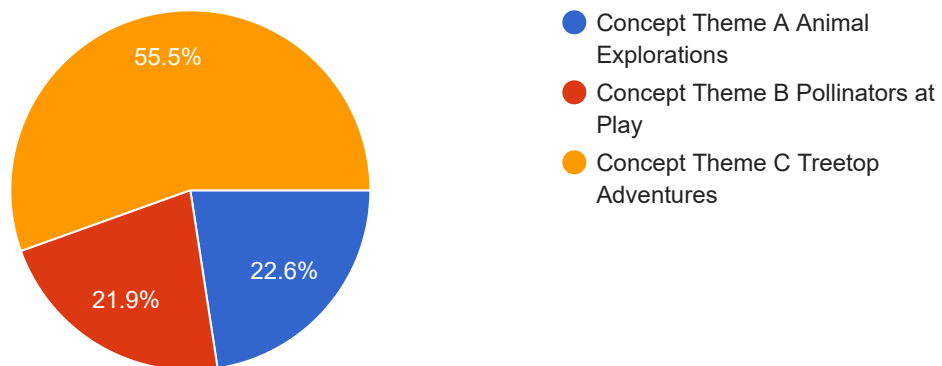
470 responses

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Question 1: Which THEME do you prefer?

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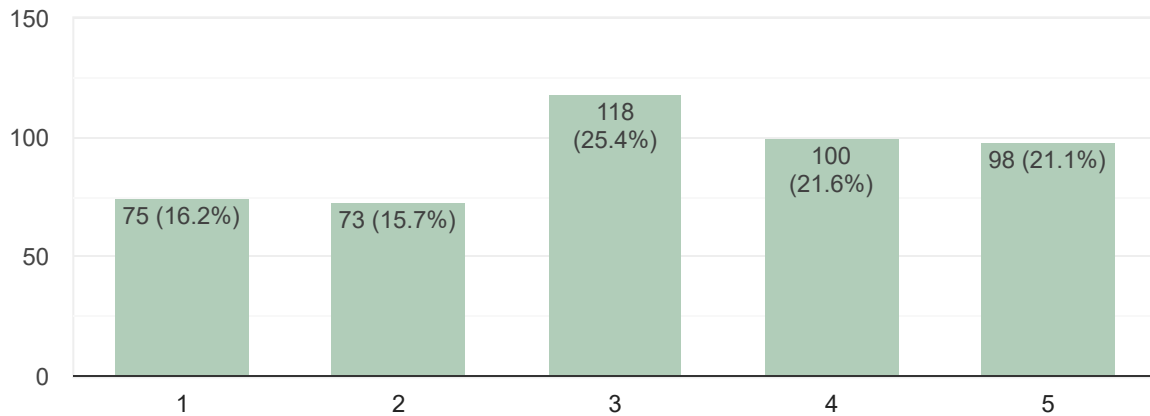
Background Information



Question 2: Of all the independent play elements, how important is it to include a zipline? (1= not important, 5= very important)



464 responses



Layout Plans- background information

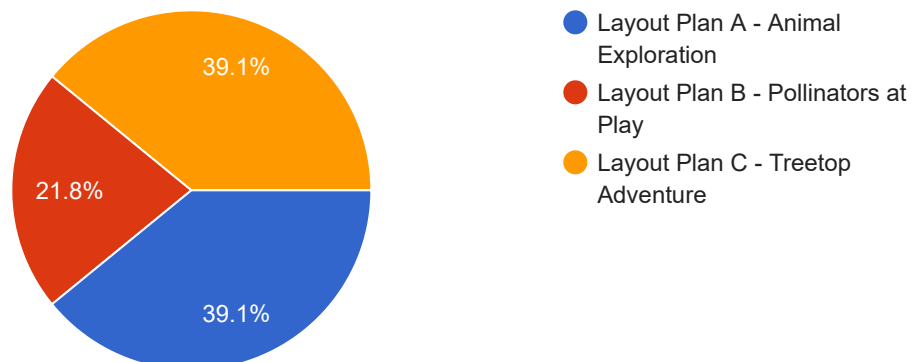
The following are a series of layout plans for the playground site. Each also identifies groupings of age appropriate (2-5 and 5-12) play and amenities such as seating, shade, and nature inclusion. The layout plans along with the equipment options create a dynamic play environment.

Park District staff and the design team will use the results of this survey to move from three concepts to one final master plan. You can pick and choose which parts of a specific design concept that you like most.

Question 3: Overall, which LAYOUT PLAN do you like best?



463 responses





Layout Plan A



Layout Plan C



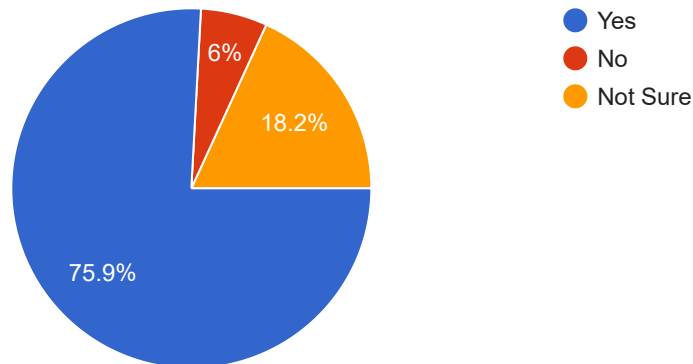
Layout Plan B

Layout Plans

Question 4: Does the fencing between the playground and the parking lot make you feel like you are in a safe and inviting environment?



468 responses



Optional: Is there anything you would like to share about any of the LAYOUT PLANS?
Please note specific plan by letter (A, B or C)

138 responses

No

B

Layout A has an inviting and organic layout that leads you through it, like a good garden design has!

All plans. The natural elements are great, but please prioritize sight lines between elements targeted for various ages. A parent pushing a young child on a swing should be able to see elements that a perhaps 3-6 year older sibling may be playing on. Peripheral plantings and central plantings may need to be low screening vs canopy height respectively.

I like the younger kids' playground farther away from the parking lot than the older kids' playground, but I like the pollinators' choice of equipment and plantings best.

In like layout A because it looks like you need to explore to find all areas of the park, however the raised mounts also add interest, can that height variation be added to A?

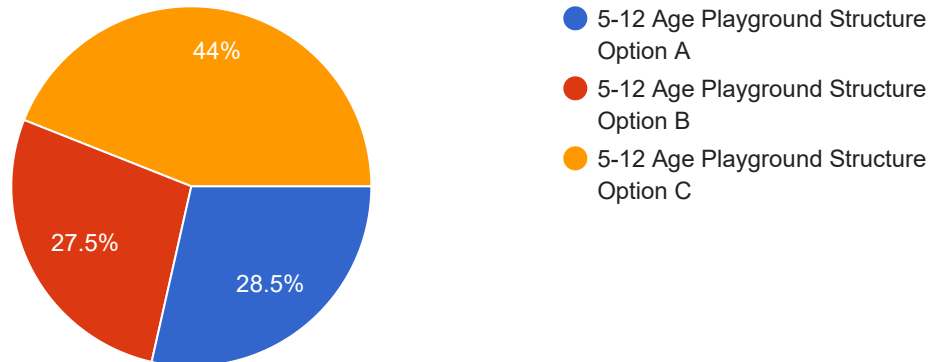
5-12 Age Playground Structures



Question 5: Which 5-12 AGE PLAYGROUND STRUCTURE option do you like best?



466 responses



Optional: Is there anything you would like to share about any of the 5-12 AGE PLAYGROUND STRUCTURE options? Please note specific option by letter (A, B or C)

109 responses

No

Option A offers more unique and creative climbing options and is more treehouse/natural looking which we like. We do like the sunshades of option B though!

I greatly prefer the aesthetics of option A and think they pair well with Meadowbrook Park, but the lack of a 'loop' on the structure I think is shortsighted. Watching children play at PrairiePlay for years, the ability to traverse to any point on the structure via two routes opened up endless interactive play. The dendritic layout of option A forces children off the structure or re-tracing their steps in 'chase' style play amongst groups.

The extra shade in Playground Structure Option B appeals to me to reduce possible skin cancer in children. Also, I don't like the cage-like look of Option C.

Structure C is the most unique and unlike other playgrounds in the area.

I would like C the best if it had any open slides

Tots (2-5) Age Playground Structures





Option A



Option B



Option C

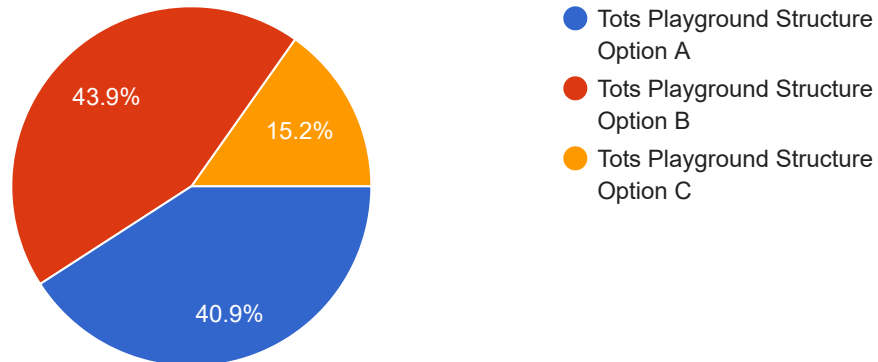


5-12 Age Playground Structures

Question 6: Which TOTS PLAYGROUND STRUCTURE option do you like best?



460 responses



Optional: Is there anything you would like to share about any of the TOTS PLAYGROUND STRUCTURE options? Please note specific option by letter (A, B or C)

84 responses

No

no

Option A is nice and open. Option C looks WAY too tiny for all but babies and toddlers and this extremely limited use group would push the 3-5yr olds to the bigger structure which would be less safe and hinder the older kids' play as well.

The scale of the structures in options B and C are not conducive to parent-child play. While the design appears to enforce intentional discomfort for larger children to use these areas in favor of the 5-12 features, it has the effect of limiting parent-child interaction as well as interaction between siblings with large age gaps.

C is very small and will not nominate many kids.

B and C seem out of place.

Option A actually looks like a real play structure - not a playhouse. I like that it is similar to

Accessible and Inclusive Elements





Option A



Option B



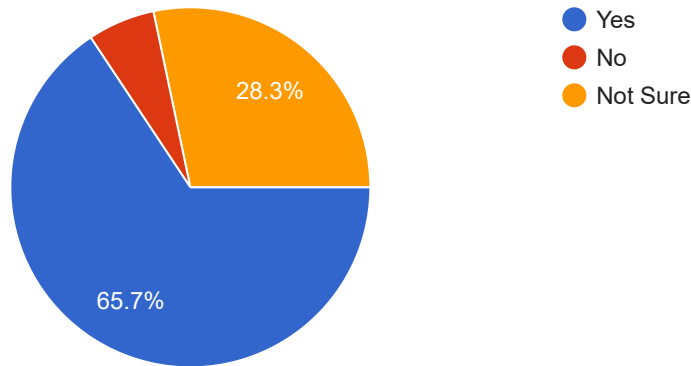
Option C

Tots

Question 7: Do you feel that the concepts provide enough diverse and inclusive options for play?



463 responses



Optional: Are there additional thoughts you would like to share about ACCESSIBILITY and INCLUSION?

79 responses

No

no

Seeking a focus group of parents of children with disabilities might be a good idea

No smoking, no dogs within the playground area

Will there be parking spots for people with disabilities nearest the entrance sidewalks to the playground? Right now there are only a few spots in one section of the parking lot. It would be best if there were more and nearest to the entrances to the playground and pavilion/restrooms. Thanks!

Are there any types of swings that a wheelchair can roll onto? Bigger kids may have a harder time transferring to the brava swing or may not be able to hold on without the support of their chair

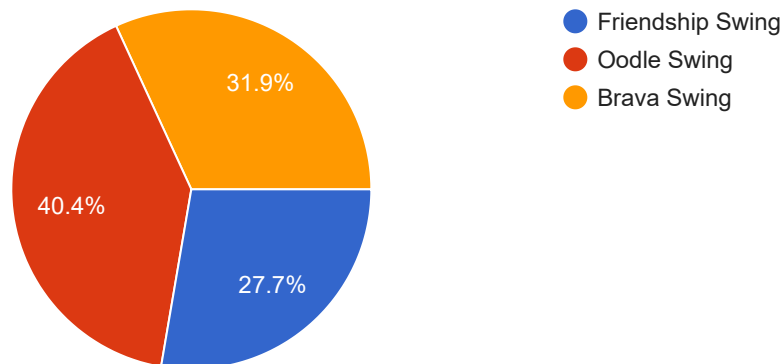
I'd like to see more play structures without stairs or climbing



Question 8: Every Layout Plan includes a minimum of five belt swings, two bucket seats and one accessible seat. For an additional swing option geared toward more social inclusion for swinging, which swing do you prefer from the images above?



455 responses



Thank you!

Optional: Please share any additional comments you may have about the Meadowbrook Park playground replacement.

93 responses

We would love to see the natural/environmentally focused spirit of Urbana maintained in its new playground!

While Meadowbrook is a signature destination park and playground in Urbana and deserves treatment as such, please also prioritize funds toward expanding the park eastward into the old Pomology areas. Once developed, the opportunity will be lost forever. Let's prioritize not only today's children, but the next several generations of children and recognize the importance of more natural spaces 'within' our growing community, not just something that needs to be traveled to in order to experience. Playground features will come and go, but one can't 'renovate' their way to expanding the park post development.

Thank you for seeking community input. How can we make donations specifically toward the playground? Thanks!

Meadowbrook is a very popular and busy park. The existing structure can accommodate MANY children playing all at once. I think an important factor to consider is which elements allow for the most children to play safely at one time. Some of the structures shown seem a lot smaller than the existing structure.





Friendship Swing



Oodle Swing



Brava Swing

Swings

Meadowbrook Playground Sticky Dot Exercises with Kids- April 2022

	Dr. Williams Elementary 4/5/22	Leal Elementary School 4/5/22	King Elementary School 4/11/22	Urbana Neighborhood Connections 4/14/22	PRC School's Out Day 4/15/22	SPLASH in the Parks 4/19/22	Urbana Middle School 4/20/22	Totals
Themes								
A. Animals	13	3	5	6	0	1	10	38
B. Pollinators	8	20	9	6	0	1	12	56
C. Trees	3	15	16	5	4	0	9	52
2-5 Play Equip.								
Option A	13	7	6	3	0	1	7	37
Option B	6	23	21	10	4	1	15	80
Option C	5	11	1	3	0	0	5	25
5-12 Play Equip.								
Option A	5	9	11	8	1	1	28	63
Option B	15	16	16	3	0	0	20	70
Option C	4	28	12	7	3	1	15	70
Number of Students	24	44	32	17	4	2	40	163
		1st	2nd	3rd				